

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the present amendments and following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 12, 17, 20, 24, 28, 32, and 36 are pending. Claims 1-11, 5-16, 18, 19, 21-23, 25-27, 29-31, and 33-35 are canceled. No claims are amended or newly added. No new matter is added.

In the Decision on Appeal dated July 24, 2007, the rejection of Claims 12, 17, and 36 was reversed. The rejection of Claims 11, 15, and 35 as obvious over Kieckhefer (U.S. Patent No. 2,530,124) or Clay (U.S. Patent No. 2,040,210) alone or in view of either of Hatch or Taylor was affirmed. In accordance with the reversal of the rejection of Claims 12, 17, and 36, all claims in the present application have been canceled except for Claim 12 and claims depending, directly or indirectly, from Claim 12. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is now in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance for Claims 12, 17, 20, 24, 28, 32, and 36 is earnestly solicited.

Should Examiner Mai deem that any further action is necessary to place this application in even better form for allowance, Examiner Mai is encouraged to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the below-listed telephone number.

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